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Fourteenth Meeting

SUMMARY RECORD OF THE 20th MEETING

Held at Headquarters, New York,
on Thursday, 8 September 1994, at 3 p.m.

Chairman: Mr. PEERTHUM (Mauritius)

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The meeting was called to order at 3.15 p.m.

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1. The CHAIRMAN said that fewer than nine members had been elected to the Human Rights Committee at the preceding meeting. Consequently, a restricted ballot would be required to elect the two remaining members, in accordance with rule 15 of the rules of procedure, which he had read out at that meeting.

2. At the invitation of the Chairman, Mr. Sahraoui (Algeria) and Ms. Buck (Canada) acted as tellers.

3. The CHAIRMAN explained that Mr. Sahraoui would act as teller in the absence of Miss Gándara (Guatemala).

4. A vote was taken by secret ballot.

5. The meeting was suspended at 3.45 p.m. and resumed at 4.05 p.m.

Number of ballot papers:	117
Invalid ballots:	1
Number of valid ballots:	116
Abstentions:	0
Number of members voting:	117
Required majority:	59
Number of votes obtained:	
Mr. El Shafei	73
Mr. Herndl	40
Mr. Prado Vallejo	62
Mr. Scheinin	49

6. Having obtained the required majority, Mr. El Shafei and Mr. Prado Vallejo were elected members of the Human Rights Committee for a four-year term beginning on 1 January 1995.

7. Mr. ABDELLAH (Tunisia), speaking as representative of the Chairman of the Organization of African Unity, expressed regret that Africa had lost a seat on the Human Rights Committee. Under rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the

Meeting of the States Parties to the International Convenant on Civil and Political Rights, equitable geographical distribution and representation of the various forms of civilization must be taken into account in the election of members of the Committee. He expressed the hope that the States parties would consider the matter, with a view to establishing a procedure for stricter application of the aforementioned rule.

8. The CHAIRMAN called upon the representatives of the States parties to the International Convenant on Civil and Political Rights to consider the comments made by the representative of Tunisia. Strict application of rule 13 of the rules of procedure would enable the Human Rights Committee to discharge its functions more effectively.

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9. The CHAIRMAN declared the fourteenth Meeting of the States Parties to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights closed.

The meeting rose at 4.10 p.m.